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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: MESSAGE FROM KING KHALID FOR THE PRESIDENT

1. ROYAL DIWAN HAS JUST DELIVERED TO EMBASSY MESSAGE FROM KING KHALID TO PRESIDENT CARTER. DIWAN STRESSED THAT MESSAGE WAS URGENT AND FOR THAT REASON IT WAS BEING DELIVERED ON FRIDAY, THE SAUDI DAY OF REST. EMBASSY TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

2. BEGIN TEXT: HIS EXCELLENCY, PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO SEND TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THIS LETTER IN THE SPIRIT OF COLSULTATION BETWEEN US AND AS AN EXCHANGE OF VOWS BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY IN THE PRESENT TIME DURING WHICH ARAB AND INTERNATIONAL PEACE EFFORTS IN THE MIDDLE EAST ARE PASSING THROUGH A CRITICAL STAGE. YOUR EXCELLENCY IS COMPLETELY AWARE OF THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COURSE OF ARAB EFFROTS FOR ACHIEVING PEACE IN THE REGION OF THE MIDDLE EAST. YOUR EXCELLENCY IS AWARE FROM THE DECLARATION WHICH MR. BEGIN HAS DELIVERED RECENTLY IN THE KNESSET THAT ISRAEL IS PLACING DIFFICULTIES IN FRONT OF THESE EFFORTS IN A FORM
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WHICH PROVES THAT SHE DESIRED TO BLOCK THE ROAD TO PEACE. SHE IS STILL CONTINUING
HAR HARASSMENT AND HER INTRANSIGENCE IN THE FACE OF MATTERS WHICH IN REALITY ARE INTERNATIONALLY IN-DISPUTABLE, SUCH AS THE ELIMINATION OF SETTLEMENTS IN THE ARAB TERRITORIES OCCUPIED IN THE YEAR 1967 AND HERE INSISTENCE ON THE NON-RECOGNITION OF THE

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LEGITIMATE, NATURAL RIGHT OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE
TO SELF-DETERMINATION. THESE ARE THINGS WHICH CAUSE
ANXIETY AND PESSIMISM IN THE ARAB WORLD THAT ISRAEL
IS NOT HONEST IN ITS DESIRE TO REACH A COMPREHENSIVE
SOLUTION AND IS NOT SINCERE IN ITS WISH FOR PEACE
IN THE REGION. THE THING THAT AFFIRMS THIS
ANXIETY IS THAT ISRAEL BY THESE ATTITUDES OF
HERS WIL STRENGTHEN THE VIEWPOINT OF THE REJECTION
AND EXTREMIST FORCES IN THE ARAB REGION. THIS IS
REPRESENTED IN THE FACT THAT THE ASSUMPTIONS
OF ISRAELI POLICY CONCERNING THE MIDDLE EAST PROBLEM
DO NOT AIM AT SOLVING THE PROBLEM AND DO NOT AIM AT
ACHIEVING PEACE IN THE REGION. AS A RESULT OF THAT
ANY INITIATIVE ON THE PART OF ANY ARAB PARTY AND
ANY ARAB EFFORTS FOR THE SAKE OF REACHING A
COMPRESENSIVE SOLUTION AND FOR THE SAKE OF
ACHIEVING A PERMANENT, JUST PEACE IN THE
REGION WILL BE CONDEMNED IN ADVAICE TO
FAILURE. THAT IS BECAUSE THE DESIRE OF THE
ARAB STATES ALONE FOR PEACE IS NOT SUFFICIENT
TO ACHIEVE THAT. AND THERE IS NO NEED FOR ME
TO EXPLAIN TO YOUR EXCELLENCY THE DANGERS FOR
THE REGION IN SUPPORTING ISEAEL IN THIS POINT
OF VIEW, OR TO EXPLAIN WHAT THAT WOULD LEAD TO
IN TERMS OF THE SPREAD OF EXTREMISM, THE
STRENGTHENING OF LEFTIST FORCES, AND THE CON-
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TINUATION OF THE THREAT TO SECURITY AND STABILITY
IN THE REGION. PERHAPS, YOUR EXCELLENCY WILL
AGREE WITH ME THAT THE SUTIATION NEEDS INCREASING
USE OF WAHT YOUR EXCELLENCY POSSESSES OF PERSONAL
WEIGHT AND OF THE WEIGHT THE UNITED STATES HAS
FOR THE SAKE OF BRINGING ISRAEL BACK TO THE
CORRECT PATH AND FOR ADVISING HER TO RECOGNIZE
THE SOUND PRINCIPLES AND BASES REQUIRED AS A
GENERAL FRAMEWORK FOR A COMPREHENSIVE SOLUTION,
WITHOUT THE RECOGNITION OF WHICH, AS YOUR EXCELLENCY
RELAIZED, IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO ACHIEVE
A JUST PEACE IN THE REGION. AS I EXPRESS TO YOUR
EXCELLENCY MY FAITH PERSONALLY AND THE CONFIDENCE
OF THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY
AND YOUR GOVERNMENT WILL STRIVE FOR THAT IN ORDER
TO ACHIEVE PEACE, SECURITY, AND STABILITY IN THE
REGION, SO I TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY ON THIS OCCASION
TO EXPRESS TO YOUR EXCELLENCY MY BEST GREETINGS
AND FRIENDLIEST WISHES FOR YOUR GOOD HEALTH AND
FOR YOUR INCREASING SUCCESS. AND I DESIRE CON-
TINUING PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY FOR THE FRIENDLY
AMERICAN PEOPLE. SINCERELY, KHALID BIN ABDUL

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